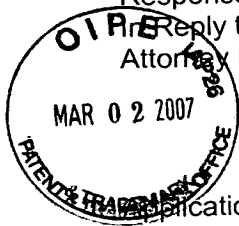


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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 28, 2006, Applicants submit the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Petition for Extension of Time, Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 and the following remarks:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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